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NEWS RELEASE

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association announces that it will be awarding over \$90,000 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2005-2006 academic year. The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois.

Sheriff David Owens, McLean County, will be awarding two (2) scholarships in the amount \$500 for each scholarship.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

- applicants must be permanent Illinois residents
- scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois
- students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2005-2006 school year (excluding summer session)

Applications are now available at your local Sheriff's Office or on the Internet @ www.ilsheriff.org. Students must complete the application, answer the essay question and return all documentation to the **Sheriff's Office** in their permanent county of residence by **March 15, 2005**.

For more information, please contact your local sheriff's office, high school advising center or college financial aid office.

David Owens
Sheriff



Illinois Sheriffs' Association

\$500 Scholarship

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association will be awarding 107 scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2005-2006 academic year. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois.

Eligibility

There shall be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are the following:

- applicants must be permanent Illinois residents.
- scholarships are to be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois.
- students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2005-2006 school year (excluding summer session).

Please read the following very carefully. Failure to comply with the rules could result in disqualification.

How to Apply

Applications are available at local sheriff's offices or the internet @ www.ilsheriff.org. Fill out the application, complete the written essay and return all documentation to the sheriff's office in the county of your permanent residence before March 15, 2005.

Do not send completed applications to the ISA Office!

Distribution of Monies

The scholarship funds will be paid **directly** to the school on behalf of the recipient. The total scholarship award will be divided as follows: 1/2 credited to the fall semester and 1/2 credited to the spring semester. *Funds cannot be used for summer courses and must be used during the 2005-2006 academic year.*

The recipient must instruct the school he/she is attending to notify the ISA office with written notification of full-time enrollment status before any scholarships will be paid. The ISA office must be contacted by the school, **in writing**, before **August 15, 2005**.

Deadlines

The deadline for all application submissions to the applicant's permanent county sheriff's office is **March 15, 2005**. The ISA office must be contacted by the school with written enrollment verification before **August 15, 2005**, or scholarship checks will **not** be issued until such notice has been received.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: *ISA scholarship funds are intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, books and fees. No funds can be used for housing or any other incurred expenses. Funds must be used during the regular school year and cannot be used for summer courses. Books must be purchased from a learning institution campus bookstore and directly billed through that institution's bursar's office. If tuition is paid in full by any other scholarship, grant or other financial aid the ISA scholarship cannot be used to reduce the other funding.*

Illinois Sheriffs' Association

Scholarship Program Guidelines

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association plans to award 107 scholarships of a minimum \$500 during the 2005-2006 academic year. This effort is a meaningful expression of the Association's confidence in, and respect for, education and training.

The Association's goal is to provide assistance to worthy students in furthering their education and training with resources made available through the Associate Membership Program of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association. Illinois sheriffs consider this scholarship program to be an investment in the future which will provide for better communications with the residents of the communities served.

The sum of \$53,500 has been allocated from the 2005 budget to carry on the program for the

2005-2006 academic year. The scholarship will be awarded statewide with distribution based on the number of Associate Members in participating counties. One scholarship will be provided for each county with an Associate membership (1-500 members). One additional scholarship will be awarded per every 500 Associate Members in the county. Scholarships will only be awarded in counties where the sheriff has authorized the Associate Membership Program.

Scholarship funds are intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, fees and books only. No funds can be used for housing or any other incurred expenses. If a lesser amount (less than \$500) covers all tuition, books and fees required of the student chosen, that lesser amount will be awarded.

The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school on behalf of the recipient with the instructions that 1/2 is to be credited to the fall semester and 1/2 to the spring semester. However, books must be purchased from the learning institution's campus bookstore and directly billed through the institution's bursar's office. Funds cannot be used for summer courses and must be used during the regular 2005-2006 school year. **The recipient is responsible for having the school notify the ISA office with written verification of full-time enrollment** before any scholarship funds will be paid. The ISA must be contacted by the school, **in writing**, before **August 15, 2005**. If this deadline is not met, the scholarship will be forfeited. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

There shall be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are the following:

- 1) applicants be permanent Illinois residents.
- 2) scholarships are to be utilized at institutions of higher learning within Illinois.
- 3) students must plan to be enrolled as full-time students.

Only the immediate family of the sheriff is ineligible to apply. Families of sheriff's office employees are eligible to make application.

Completed applications shall be submitted to the **sheriff of the county** of the applicant's permanent Illinois residence by the **March 15, 2005** deadline. *A sheriff's directory is available on this Web Site.* Applicants must be eligible for admission to the school indicated on the application. The award will only be paid for attendance to certified schools within the State of Illinois.

Applications received in the sheriff's office on or before **March 15, 2005** are to be reviewed by a committee of nonpartisan citizens selected by the sheriff. That committee of citizens will review, evaluate and select the winner(s) and two alternates to represent their county.

The names of ALL scholarship winners will be announced by May 1, 2005.

Those who receive scholarships during an academic year may apply again in another year. However, such applicants will be considered along with all others who apply in the county.

If for any reason, a recipient relinquishes a scholarship, that scholarship will be granted to an alternate from the same county which was selected by the local committee.